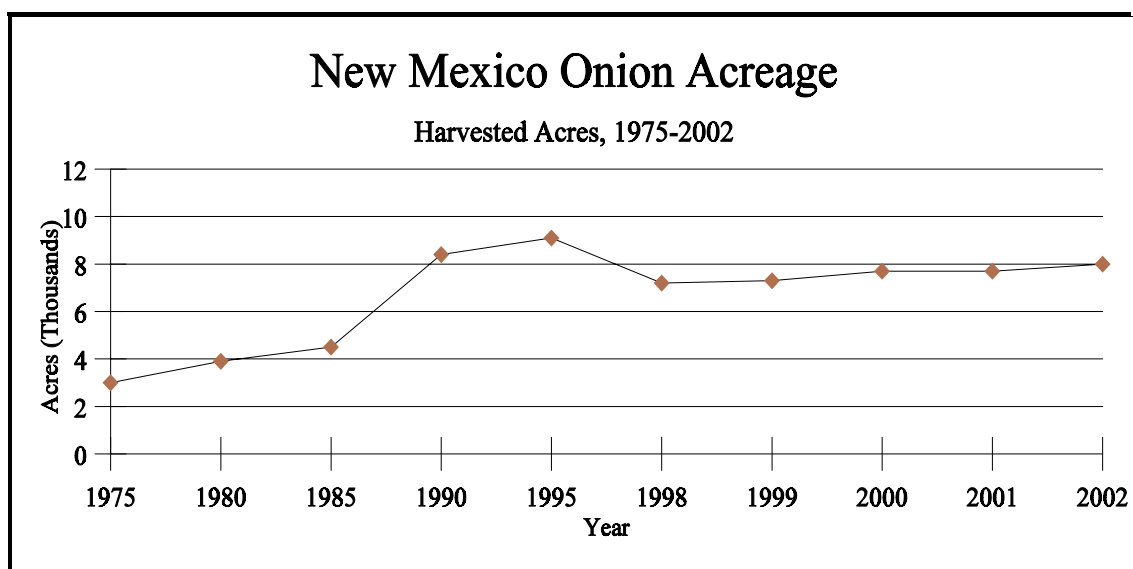


ONIONS: New Mexico onion growers produced 4.4 million hundredweight in 2002, up 16.6 percent from 2001. Harvested acres increased by 300 acres, while the average yield rose to 550 hundredweight per acre. The value of the 2002 crop increased almost 1.2 percent at \$55 million with the prices averaging \$12.50 per hundredweight.

The major varieties of commercially grown New Mexico onions include Grano, Granex, Sweet Spanish, and mid-summer hybrids such as the popular Nu-Mex variety. Most of the state's onions are non-storage types, and during our peak summer harvest period, New Mexico is a major supplier for the nation. Harvest usually begins in late May and continues through September.



Onions: Monthly Prices Received

Year	June	July	August	September
-----Dollars Per 100 Lbs.-----				
1975	15.00	18.40	15.00	13.80
1980	9.00	9.00	9.80	---
1985	9.60	21.50	9.80	7.50
1990	10.40	9.55	9.00	8.50
1995	11.70	14.80	11.40	---
1998	12.40	14.00	12.10	---
1999	16.60	16.60	12.60	---
2000	11.30	7.80	11.90	---
2001	15.60	14.30	12.60	---
2002	12.40	13.00	11.60	---